guidelines from time to time to the State Governments for promoting communal harmony among different communities. The guidelines are reviewed periodically.

The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with stremly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

Death sentence for possessing RDX

1173. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enact a low to provide for death sentence to persons found in possession of RDX explosive material;

(b) when a bill for this legislation is expected to be brought forward; and

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1998, which has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 8.12.1998, provides, *inter alia,* that any person who unlawfully and miliciously causes by any special category explosive substance an explosion of a nature likely to endanger life or to cause serious injury to property shall, whether any injury to person or property has been actually caused or not, be punished with death, or imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine.

(c) The proposal to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 was taken up on the suggestion of a State government. Keeping in view the objective of the proposed amendments, consultations with the State Governments were not considered necessary.

Inability of Delhi Police to recruit more men

1174. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is not in a position to recruit more men despite the consent of government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures adopted by Government to check or stop rising crimes in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve law and order situation in the National Capital Territory include intensification of patrolling especially from 6 PM to 10 PM surveillance over the activities of known criminals, improved intelligence gathering; raids over the places of ill-repute and suspected hide-outs of criminals; high visibility of police in the vulnerable areas; and constitution of a regional coordination group comprising police officers of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to exchange information about the criminals.

Coordinated Security Plan for North-East

1175. SHRI C. O. POULOSE:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had assured a co-ordinated security action plan for the North-East;

(b) if so, the progress so far made in this regard;

(c) the number of police stations declared "disturbed" in Tripura; and

(d) the number of battalions of the Army and the Assam Rifles deployed in different police stations in Tripura, alongwith the number of police stations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a)

and (b) Insurgency in the North East has never been looked upon only as a law and order problem. The development and deepening of democratic processes has been the basic framework within which the problems of the North East have been approached. Development strategy since Independence has been pursued within the broad framework of planning with a view to ensure that people develop along the lines of their own genious and nothing should be imposed on them and that traditional way of life and culture are encouraged. The efforts should be to train and build indigenous teams to do the work of administration and development and that development should come through indegenous social and cultural institutions.

The strategy to curb insurgency includes a willingness to meet and discuss legitimate grievances; resolve that violence would not be tolerated; friendly relations with neighbouring countries; accelerated infrastructural development; stress on employment schemes; and good governance and decentralisation.

The State Governments have formulated their own Action Plans to fight insurgency. The Union government monitors, coordinates and reinforces these Plans. The steps taken by the Central government to curb insurgency include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, declaration of the most seriously affected areas as disturbed areas and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations. There is also a scheme under operation to meet security related expenditure of insurgency affected States by the Centre. The entire insurgency situation is kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time.

(c) In Tripura, 22 Police Stations have been declared as fully disturbed and 5 partially disturbed under the Armed Forces (Assam and Manipur) Special Powers Act, 1958.

(d) As per available information there are 45 Police Stations in Tripura. However, Army and Assam Rifles are not deployed in Police Stations.

सरसों के मिलावटी तेल से हुई मौतें

1176. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
प्रो॰ रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली सरकार ने अगस्त के अन्तिम सप्ताह में दिल्ली में सरसों का मिलावटी तेल खाने से हुई मौतों के लिए सरकार को जिम्मेदार माना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में अपनी जिम्मेदारी स्वीकार कर ली है;

(ग) क्या खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम के संशोधन करने से संबंधित मामला सरकार के पास बहुत समय से लम्बित है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में दिल्ली सरकार द्वारा बार-बार अनुस्मारक भेजे जाने के बावजूद कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार उक्त अधिनियम में संशोधन करने के लिए क्या निर्णय लेने का विचार रखती है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

(ग) से (ङ) 1 वर्ष 1995 में गठित कार्य दल द्वारा खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम में अनेक संशोधन सुझाए गए हैं, जिन पर राज्य सरकारों के साथ परामर्श करके कार्रवाई/विचार किया जा रहा है। उपभोक्ता संगठनों से भी उपभोक्ता हितों को ध्यान में रखते हुए खाद्य अपमिश्रण की समस्या से निपटने के लिए प्रक्रियाओं को सरल करने के सुझाव भी प्राप्त हुए हैं। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली की सरकार ने हाल ही में दण्ड में वृद्धि करने की सिफारिश की है। इन सभी सिफारिशों पर प्रभावित वर्गों द्वारा व्यक्त चिन्ताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए सक्रिय रूप से विचार किया जा रहा है।